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Ref: 3353-25182

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
MA-7 Zone, Reservoir D
BAYOU CARLIN FIELD
St. Mary Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: McMoRan Oil & Gas, LLC

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **McMoRan Oil & Gas, LLC** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the MA-7 Zone, Reservoir D, in the Bayou Carlin Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

1. To redefine the MA-7 RD SUA previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 570-C-14, effective October 11, 2005;
2. To confirm the unit established by Office of Conservation Order No. 570-C-14, effective October 11, 2005;
3. To find that, except to the extent contrary to the order granted by the Commissioner of Conservation in connection with the hearing held on this application, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 570-C-14 shall remain in full force and effect;
4. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the zone and reservoir by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of each reservoir changes and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation, and
5. To consider such other matters which may be pertinent to this application as shown by the evidence presented at the hearing held on this matter.

The MA-7 Zone, Reservoir D in the Bayou Carlin Field was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 570-C-14, effective October 11, 2005 and is hereby redefined as being that gas and condensate encountered between the measured depths of 17,873 feet and 19,999 feet (electrical log measurements) in the McMoRan Oil & Gas,

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LLC-C. M. Peterson Jr. No. 1 Well located in Section 18, Township 15 South, Range 9 East, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search were notified in writing in the pre-application notice dated March 6, 2005 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 26, 2007. It was stated at that time that this conference would be held only if a request to confer were received by the undersigned within ten (10) calendar days after the date of the pre-application notice. No requests for a conference were received either in writing or by telephone and, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the tentatively scheduled conference **WILL NOT BE HELD**.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the MA-7 RD SUA, Bayou Carlin Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

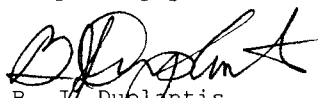
A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this application notice. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Louis Gilbert of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, LA 70002 (504) 834-8112.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

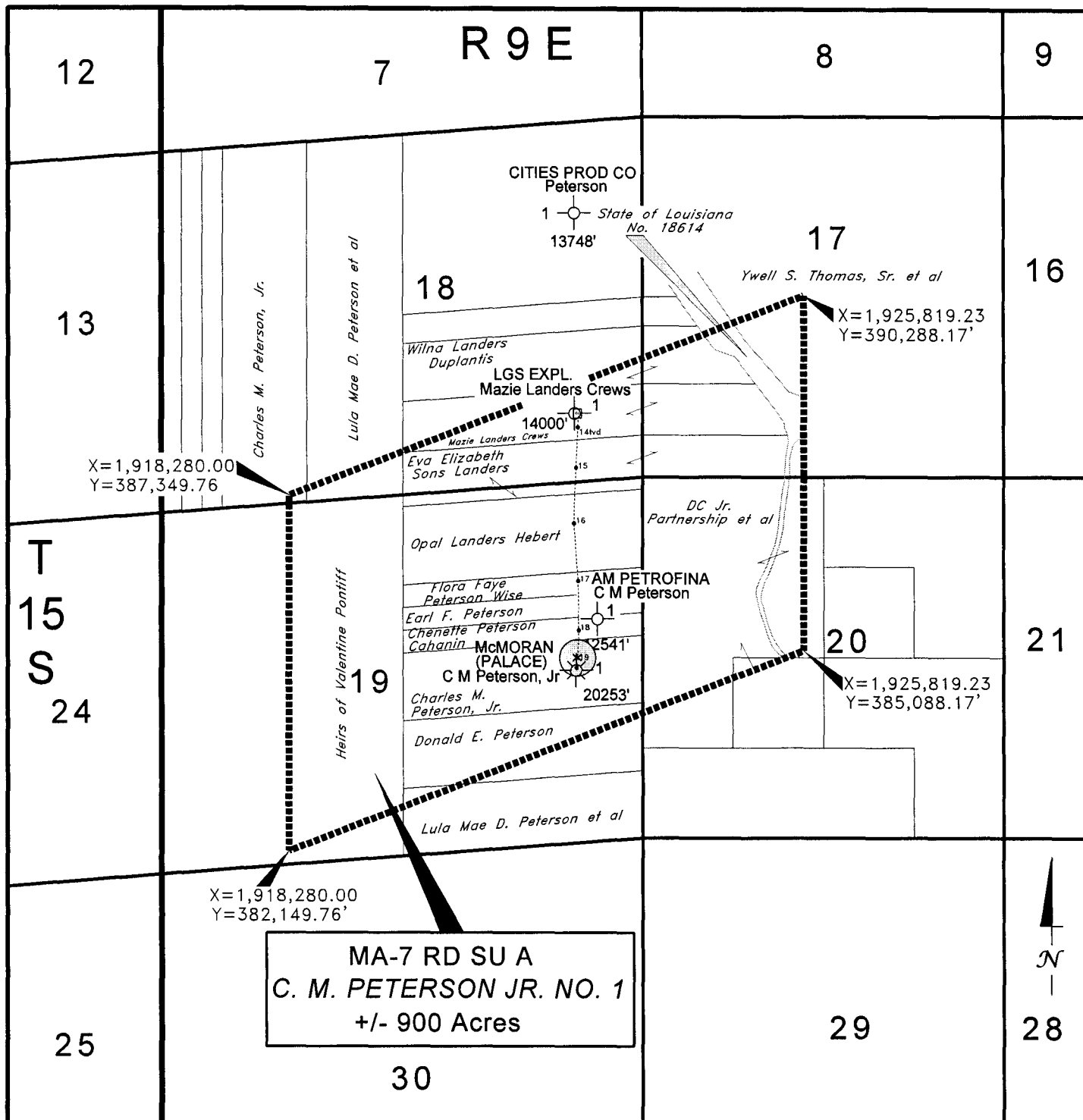

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson, District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and
Interested Parties



MA-7 RD SU A
C. M. PETERSON JR. NO. 1
 +/- 900 Acres

EXHIBIT No.

DOCKET No.



McMoran Oil & Gas, LLC

BAYOU CARLIN FIELD
ST. MARY PARISH, LOUISIANA

Proposed Unit
MA-7 Zone, Reservoir D

Date:



Geology: LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

----- APO 570-C-14



- UNIT WELL

NOTE: ALL BOUNDARIES
 ARE GEOGRAPHIC.



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